

[54] METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL PRODUCT INSPECTION

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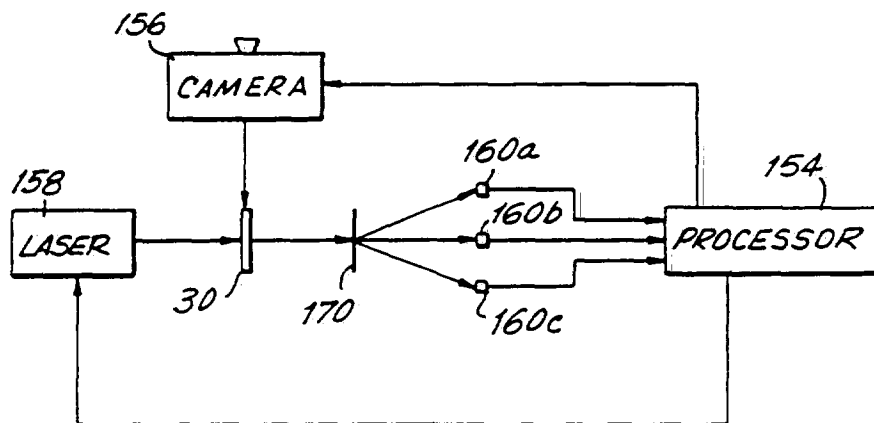
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[57] ABSTRACT

Products having optically detectable straight line segments are inspected for acceptability by forming one or more one-dimensional images of the product in which properly aligned straight line segments are respectively focused to points in the image. Such parameters as the location and image intensity of these one-dimensional image points are used to determine whether or not the product is acceptable. An optical Hough transform underlies these product inspection techniques.

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